

## **Sponsored Bounce**

The Sponsored Bounce is a significant fund-raising event in Coleridge. It's a carefully orchestrated bounce-a-thon in the Infants Hall in the West site for Juniors and in the main hall in the East site for Infants. It generally runs from 9.05am-3.15pm with a break for lunch. Teachers get to select a 20 minute slot in the day's rota for their class to bounce. Coleridge Families typically hires or gets a donation of a bouncy castle [from YMCA] and puts it up in the school halls. Every child in the school will have a chance to bounce for ONE MINUTE, with 5 children bouncing at any one time. Adults and helpful junior pupils will be operating a stop watch and carefully counting the bounces (and making sure the children don't bounce into one another). Sponsors are invited to guess how many times a named child will bounce in that minute and sponsor them accordingly.

### **Fix the date**

The Sponsored Bounce usually takes place in the half term after Easter but the dates are usually fixed by Coleridge Families Committee and the Head Teacher.

### **Borrow or Hire the Castle**

Either hire a bouncy castle or call Jim Shepley at the Fitness Centre at the YMCA 8340 6088. You can expect to pay up to £50 or if you're lucky you'll get it for free (given that we use it for a fundraising event). You will need to agree collection and dropping off with Jim.

### **List of relevant proformas that Coleridge Families have**

- Sponsored Bounce Letter to the YMCA.doc
- Sponsored Bounce sign for noticeboard.doc
- Sponsored Bounce note home and sponsorship form.doc
- Sponsored Bounce note to helpers & teachers.doc
- Sponsored Bounce Volunteers List.doc
- Sponsored Bounce class rota.doc
- Sponsored Bounce child's bounce certificate.doc

### **Publicity – 2 weeks beforehand**

Use the proforma letter above and amend it so that a note can go home informing parents/carers of the event - The letter home explains how the event works and is also the sponsorship form. Put a note in the pigeon hole of each teacher and class room assistant telling them about the event, how it works and inviting them to book the slot which is most convenient to their class.

Ask the reps to email everyone in their class to let them know about it.

Make posters and put them up around the school.

### **Logistics**

- Once teachers have chosen their slot, type up the rota and distribute it to the teachers and keep copies handy on the day.
- Get a class list for each class; this is just an A4 sheet with the name of each pupil in a class on it from the school receptions.
- Print off 200 copies of the Bounce Certificate (3 certs per A4 page) - this note is sent home with the child on the day of the bounce, together with an envelope for bringing in the sponsorship

money to the school. The envelopes have printed labels stuck to them saying "Sponsored Bounce money". Staple the note and the envelope together.

### **Volunteers**

Recruit adult volunteers to help. At any one time you will need the following:

- 5 people to count the number of bounces
- 1 person to do the timing/blow the whistle
- 1 person to write down the final number of bounces

We also tend to recruit year 6 pupils to help us as counters. Provided you can get the Year 6 helpers then you need to get 12 adult volunteers (that's 3 adults x 4 shifts - 9am-10:30; 10:15-11:45; 12:45-2:15; 2pm-3:30).

### **On the day (there will be 2 days, one for Infants and one for Juniors)**

On the day of the bounce you will need two strong men/people and a large car/people mover to collect the bouncy castle from Haringey Club. It is stored in their outside storage unit. You can get access from 8am. You will need to borrow the blowing up machine too. It might also be a good idea to bring along your own cable extension.

Set up the castle in the relevant Hall and place mats in front of it where the children get on and off. Warning: the blowing machine is noisy and has to remain on all the time so this event involves a lot of shouting!

Place two or three low benches in a row for the children to sit on. You will need a table and two chairs for the paperwork / to write down the number of bounces.

For each class you should make up a pack consisting of the class list, 30 blank pro formas to write down the number of bounces, 30 envelopes with stickers on them saying "Sponsored Bounce Money. Staple the note and the envelopes together in advance - consider filling in the names of the children on the pro formas in advance too to make it quicker on the day.

The children should all take off their shoes, but not their socks as soon as they arrive in the Hall. Call up the children in groups of 5 strictly alphabetically - if you try to accommodate children wanting to bounce with their friends it will take forever. Make sure the child is introduced to the person who is going to be counting them. Once the whistle goes the children bounce non stop. They should be encouraged to bounce up and down rather than side to side - it is more efficient and if they go side to side there is a greater risk of them bumping into each other. No somersaults. No holding onto the side of the castle.

After bouncing, the children go back to the bench and put on their shoes while the counter reports the number of counts to the person making a note. The children should not crowd around asking how many bounces they have done - at the end their teacher will be given the bundle of notes for each child saying how many times they have bounced. They take this note home and bring in their sponsorship money.

Once the final 5 children have started their bounce someone should be dispatched to the next class to let them know to start getting ready to come into the Hall. Sometimes we make up time and classes are invited to come sooner than they expected.

It is a good idea to have some tap water and cups handy in case any child gets over heated.

### **Lunchtime**

At lunchtime you will have to deflate the castle and move it to the corner of the Hall so that lunch can happen. Then re-inflate it as soon as you can after lunch for the next sessions

### **At the end of the day**

You will need two strong people to deflate the castle and return it and the blower to the Haringey Club.

### **Collecting the money**

All the money eventually finds its way back to the school office who will pass it to the Coleridge Families Treasurer for banking. It can take a week to get it all in. A notice or an email to chase/remind people to bring their money in may be a good idea. When the trickle of money stops put a notice up letting everyone know how much the Bounce raised and thanking all the volunteers.

### **Feedback**

(Please remember to email your class rep coordinator/s with any changes you think need to be incorporated in this information to keep this chapter updated for the next set of reps).